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DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty Fifth day of June Two Thousand Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth.

ATTEST:

Betsey Bayless
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2002-14

TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION OF SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS LINES AND SERVICES FOR CENTRAL, SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN ARIZONA

WHEREAS, rape and other forms of sexual abuse are a significant threat to the health and well-being of Arizonans; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual abuse experience trauma that can have both short-term and long-term medical and psychological impact on them and their families; and

WHEREAS, victims of sexual abuse need a place to call for confidential crisis intervention services with confidence that the person on the other end of the line is well-trained, empathetic, and knowledgeable about the victim's rights and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, victims who choose to seek medical care and/or report the crime to the police need advocates to guide them through the process and ensure their medical and psychological needs are met in addition to gathering evidence and testimony necessary for a successful prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the sexual abuse hotline in Maricopa County ceased operations March 31, 2002 resulting in calls from victims in central and northern Arizona being routed to Southern Arizona Center Against Sexual Abuse, thereby placing great financial strain on them and causing them to face cutting services to victims as of June 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, EMPACT, Suicide Prevention has agreed to provide hotline services to victims in central and northern Arizona and advocacy services to victims in central Arizona, thereby ensuring their medical and psychological needs will be met during this time of trauma; and

WHEREAS, other funds are not available to address this crisis and during the 1997 First Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, the Health Crisis Fund was established, authorizing the Governor to expend funds in order to respond to an existing health crisis:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jane Dee Hull, Governor of the State of Arizona, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, do hereby declare a health crisis or a significant potential for a health crisis in this State and hereby,

1. Allocate such funds as necessary not to exceed \$300,000 from the Health Crisis Fund as established pursuant to A.R.S. §36-797 to the Department of Health Services, to be distributed on an as-needed basis to the Governor's Community Policy Office, Division for Prevention of Family Violence, which will distribute the funds following contractual terms for the continuation of Sexual Abuse Hotline and Advocacy services in central, northern and southern Arizona.
2. Direct the Department of Health Services to report the expenditures of these funds made by the Division for Prevention of Family Violence to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund pursuant to A.R.S. §36-797.
3. Direct that any monies in the account that are unspent within twelve months of the date of this Executive Order shall be returned to the State to be deposited in the Medically Needy Account of the Tobacco Tax and Health Care Fund account established pursuant to A.R.S. §36-774.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

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Jane Dee Hull

Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Twenty Seventh day of June Two Thousand Two and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-Sixth.

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